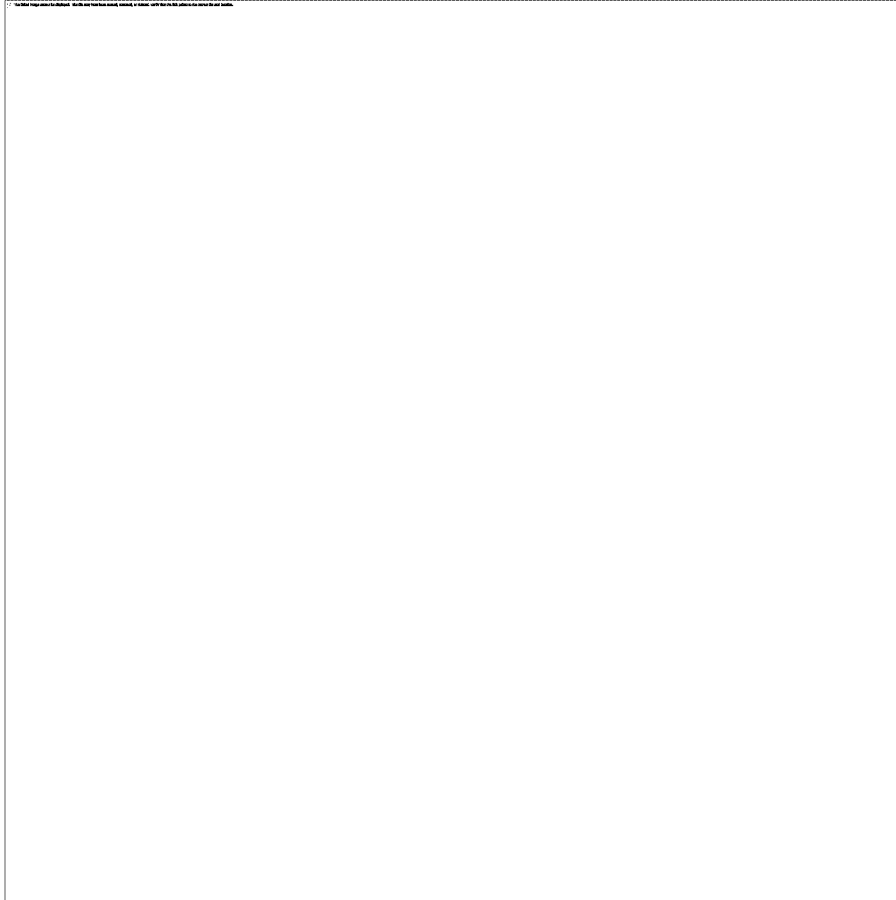


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Drivers Take Advantage of Low Gas Prices as States Reopen

By Amrith Ramkumar, Wall Street Journal • • Posted June 1, 2020

Americans are starting to capitalize on low prices at the gas pump as states loosen travel restrictions, a boon for the battered energy industry and a hopeful signal for the U.S. economic recovery. With more states easing lockdown measures enacted to fight the spread of the coronavirus, people are gradually hitting the road and causing modest car traffic in cities from Miami to San Francisco. The slight increase in congestion comes with beaches and summer destinations opening and many people avoiding public transportation and airplanes. [[read more ...](#)]

Markets

For Ethanol, Conditions Are Changing And Positive

By Michael A. Gayed, Seeking Alpha • • Posted June 1, 2020

Post record lows seen in April, gasoline demand has rebounded in recent weeks and might likely improve from here, with all 50 states having gradually re-opened. Ethanol production in April, which had fallen c.46% below the long-term average, continues to be adversely affected, with only c.30% of the country's 204 plants running at normal capacity. [[read more ...](#)]

Walz considering direct payments to Minnesota farmers

By Mark Dorenkamp, Brownfield News • • Posted June 1, 2020

Minnesota Ag Commissioner Thom Petersen says his state could follow Wisconsin's lead by taking money from the CARES Act to provide direct payments to farmers. He tells Brownfield the Coronavirus Food Assistance Relief Program is leaving holes that need to be filled. [[read more ...](#)]

Oil-Bust Refugees Are Being Courted By Clean Energy in Texas

By Brian Eckhouse, Bloomberg • • Posted June 1, 2020

Jeff Bishop's LinkedIn post gets right to the point: "Houston Oil & Gas Folks — we're hiring in Texas" for jobs in clean tech. His company, battery developer Key Capture Energy, is making the pitch even as tens of thousands of renewable-energy jobs have dried up amid the coronavirus pandemic. That's because Bishop and a handful of other clean-power executives see an opportunity to recruit talent from the oil and gas industries, which have been even harder hit. [[read more ...](#)]

Car Rule

Blue states: 'We'll go to the mat' over car rules rollback

By Jennifer Hijazi, E&E News reporter • • Posted June 1, 2020

Twenty states, two cities and three local air quality regulators last week moved to intervene in a lawsuit filed by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) over the new Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The looser greenhouse gas emissions standards that CEI seeks, the states argue, threaten the regulatory role of EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration — the entities responsible for rolling out the SAFE Vehicles Rule. [[read more ...](#)]

EVs

Chargers Are the Final Roadblock to America's Electric Car Future

By Kyle Stock, Bloomberg • • Posted June 1, 2020

Electric car-range anxiety revolves around a brutal equation: Remaining miles of battery life (as estimated by the car) minus miles to destination equals hope (or despair). Making matters worse, the answer varies from one minute to the next, depending on terrain and speed. Desperate battery-powered travelers can be easy to spot: They are often sweaty (no air conditioning), driving slowly and—when going uphill—instinctively leaning forward in their seats. [[read more ...](#)]

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